READING 04

ملاحظة: لا يشترط في قسم القراءة ان تكون الأجوبة متسلسلة

Read the following text. Then for each item, shade in the bubble ◯ next to the correct option.

E-Books

These days, technology is part of every aspect of our lives whether it be home, school, or work. Almost every home has a computer with access to the internet. Most individuals have smart phones or tablets. In 2015, a study showed that three quarters of children aged between 5 and 15 had a tablet in their home and 69% of 12 to 15 year-olds own a smartphone.

E-books are now becoming more and more popular. An e-book is basically any text, including audio/video in electronic format. It can be downloaded to a desktop, PC, Mac, laptop, PDA or any other kind of computer. Although many people read e-books on their smart phones, there are many who believe that printed books are better. According to a study done in America, most e-book readers prefer to read stories rather than any other type of book. However, college students and even employers would seem to prefer normal textbooks such as reference books, study guides, etc.

It is true that e-books save time and money, but studies show that printed books are still more popular and readers prefer them for several reasons. One of these reasons is related to health issues. Research conducted in 2012 by the University of California shows that reading digital books for many hours can result in muscle strain, weight gain and a high cholesterol level.

The same study also found that college students aged from 18 to 24 preferred to study printed books. The research showed that 88% of college students purchased printed books while only 12% bought e-books and the reason for this was because they could not afford to buy the printed versions. However, this study also discovered that children aged 7 to 10 had improved their reading skills as a result of using e-books. The study suggested that boys' reading skills improved faster than girls. The boys took four months to improve their reading scores while the girls took seven. Moreover, boys who hated reading found e-books interesting and their reading scores showed a massive improvement. Unfortunately, the range of e-books for challenged learners and children with learning difficulties is still very limited.

In the last few years, the publishing industry has tried to encourage readers to buy more e-books. However, according to a report by the Association of American Publishers in 2017, e-book sales only amounted to $1.1 billion whereas the sale of printed books amounted to $2.8 billion.

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1. *In 2015, a study proved that three quarters of the world's children between the ages of five to fifteen had _____.*

☐ *smartphones* ☐ *tablets* ☐ *E-books*

2. *E-book users generally like to read _____.*

☐ *study guides* ☐ *story books* ☐ *reference books*

3. *In _____, a study indicated that E-book users can gain weight.*

☐ *2012* ☐ *2015* ☐ *2017*

4. *Students who prefer printed books are aged from _____ years old.*

☐ *7 - 10* ☐ *12 - 15* ☐ *18 - 24*

5. *According to the Californian study, only 12% of students bought E-books because of _____ issues.*

☐ *time related* ☐ *financial* ☐ *health*

6. *The study discovered that using E-books helped _____ reading scores improve within four months.*

☐ *boys'* ☐ *girls'* ☐ *both boys' and girls'*

7. *According to the writer, there are not many E-books that cater for people who _____.*

☐ *have financial problems* ☐ *find it difficult to read* ☐ *have health issues*

8. *In 2017, the market for printed books was_____ E-books.*

☐ *lower than* ☐ *the same as* ☐ *higher than*

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